

The Walker Place
200 Broad St., Elyton
Birmingham, Alabama
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THE WALKER HOME
200 Broad Street, Elyton,
Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: Lucy Smith Estate.

Previous Owners: William A. Walker Sr.,

Present Occupant: Jack Smith.

Date of Erection: 1848.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: William A. Walker Sr.,

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Two story frame; two story porch with four square columns; small portico with wooden balustrade; exterior brick chimneys; one story wing to the rear.

Other Existing Records:

Additional Data: The Jack Smith House, formerly The Walker Home, Elyton, displays most of the essential features of Southern colonial architecture of the Greek Revival type. Originally a plantation house standing at the head of Broad Street in old Elyton, a Birmingham residential section has grown up around it, leaving the oak cluster on the knoll about the house untouched.

This house was built in 1848 by William A. Walker Sr., the residence still houses descendants of the builder. Based on hand hewn logs, the house front presents a simple yet nobly proportioned Southern colonial columned facade. Notable are the Asher Benjamin mouldings in the interior design.

Near the house are two graves so old that the inscription on the heavy stones has become almost obliterated, although one dimly shows the date of 1819, the year in which Alabama became a state.

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